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Addendum

Improving the working method and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate

Item 7

1. The Committee considered agenda item 7 and reviewed the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations on the matter that it had adopted at its 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st sessions.

Discussion

2. Appreciation was expressed to the Secretariat for the prompt submission of the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2004-2005, and it was suggested that the consideration of the budget outline within a single session of the Committee be followed to the extent possible in the future, without prejudice to General Assembly resolution 42/211.

Conclusions and recommendations

3. **The Committee reaffirmed the conclusions and recommendations on its working methods and procedures that it had adopted at its 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st sessions.**

4. **The Committee reiterated that the terms "takes note of" and "notes" as used in the present report are neutral terms that constitute neither approval**

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nor disapproval, and it welcomed in that regard General Assembly decision 55/488.

5. The Committee reiterated its recommendation that the relevant intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly, include in their programme of work a review of the programmes of the medium-term plan and its revisions that are relevant to their work.

6. The Committee recommended that, when considering the medium-term plan and its revisions, it have at its disposal the observations of the relevant intergovernmental bodies in the areas pertinent to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.9 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

7. The Committee emphasized the need for brief and concise oral presentation of reports by the Secretariat.

8. The Committee also emphasized the need for all reports to be presented to it in writing.

[9. The Committee reaffirmed that, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, observers may participate in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to them. The Committee also reaffirmed the responsibility and privileges of its members concerning the decision-making process and the recommendations that they adopt.]